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**CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY
 ON SEIZURES OF NARCOTIC DRUGS,
 PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THEIR PRECURSORS**
 (based on mass media reports)

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In the period from 21 to 31 May 2025, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **1 ton 138.03 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 0.13 kg, opium - 41.95 kg, cocaine - 0.5 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 324.46 kg, synthetic drugs - 764.9 kg and potent substances - 6.09 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	0	0	0	0.13	0	0
Opium	5	0	0	0	0	36.95
Cocaine	0	0	0	0.5	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	172.2	42.2	4.86	104.2	0	1
Synthetic drugs	0.96	107.04	586.9	61.83	0	8.17
Potent substances	0	0	2.83	3	0	0.26
Total	178.16	149.24	594.59	169.66	0	46.38

During the same period, other countries seized **24 tons 626 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 1 ton 140 kg, cocaine - 7 tons 719.2 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 13 tons 128.5 kg, synthetic drugs - 2,639 kg and potent substances - 0 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

27.05.2025 Officers of the Bilasuvar District Police Department conducted a special operation to stop illegal trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances. As a result, 38-year-old Elnur Mammadov was detained and found in possession of a total of **10 kg of opium and marijuana**, and 855 tablets of various types containing narcotic and psychotropic components. <https://report.az/ru/proisshestviya/v-bilyasuvare-zaderzhan-podozrevaemyj-v-narkokurerstve-izyato-10-kg-narkotikov/>

28.05.2025 Officers of the Lerik District Police Department detained Hidayat Zaidov, 55, who was engaged in cultivation of narcotic plants. According to information provided, a total of **321 cannabis plants** were found in the yard of his house and in forest area of Gylgilov village, along with an illegally kept IZh hunting rifle. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-leriskom-rajone-zaderzhan-muzhchina-vyrashivavshij-narkosoderzhashie-rasteniya-v-lesu>

30.05.2025 An operation conducted by officers of the Balakena District Police Department prevented the sale of a large shipment of drugs illegally imported into the country. In the course of the operation, 40-year-old E. Yekyaev, previously convicted for drug trafficking several times, was detained. More than **4 kg of marijuana** and electronic scales were found in his possession. When questioned, the detainee stated that he had purchased some of drugs from a certain Gunel. Law enforcers identified and detained Gunel Ibishova, who was wanted for illegal actions. They found **2.7 kg of marijuana and 2412 methadone pills** buried in the ground at her place of residence. Ibishova stated that she had purchased drugs from an Iranian citizen, whose identity is being investigated. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-v-balakene-zhenshina-zakopala-narkotiki-v-zemlyu>

KAZAKHSTAN

24.05.2025 A resident of Shymkent was detained on suspicion of selling marijuana. Operatives found a large amount of narcotic substances in his possession. The city prosecutor's office explained that in the course of joint operative-search activities it was possible to stop activity of a phytolaboratory. **83 blue plastic buckets with marijuana**, which were stored in a specially equipped room, were seized. They also found narcotic substances unpacked in plastic bags and electronic scales. <https://www.zakon.kz/proisshestiia/6478528-83-vedra-marikhuany-obnaruzhili-u-zhitelya-shymkenta.html>

26.05.2025 Officers of the Police Department of Karaganda region under coordination of the Prosecutor's Office continue to work actively to combat drugcrime. For instance, in Zhanakala village of Bukhar-Zhyrau district an underground drug laboratory engaged in production of synthetic drug - mephedrone - was dismantled in the course of operational and investigative measures. During the search was seized about **1 ton** of chemical **precursors**, and more than **500 grams** of ready **mephedrone**. The suspect, a 38-year-old resident of Almaty region, was detained. <https://polisia.kz/ru/presechena-deyatel-nost-narkolaboratorii-po-proizvodstvu-mefedrona-v-karagandinskoj-oblasti/>

26.05.2025 As a result of a special operation, officers of the Department of Police on Transport foiled an attempt to import a large shipment of drugs arriving in the capital from Spain. In the course of operative-search activities, a parcel disguised as ordinary goods was found in one of Astana's post offices. According to results of the examination, more than **700 g of hashish** resin was found in it. A 23-year-old courier of a drug network was caught red-handed while trying to receive the parcel. <https://polisia.kz/ru/kontrabanda-narkotikov-iz-zagranitsy-vyavlena-v-astane/>

27.05.2025 A resident was detained in Atyrau for selling more than 1 kg of synthetic drugs. In the course of operational-search activities, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime detained a 37-year-old resident of the Inder district suspected of selling drugs in the city. During personal search and based on the testimony of the detainee the officers found and seized 100 rolls with powdery substance of white color. According to preliminary data, the seized substance was a **synthetic drug** with a total weight of more than **1 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkosbytchik-s-krupnoj-partiej-sintetiki-zaderzhan-v-atyrauskoj-oblasti/>

27.05.2025 An underground drug laboratory was shut down in Almaty. The detainees rented a private house in the village of Algabas, which they converted into a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs. During a search, more than **5 kg of a-PVP** narcotic substance was seized, which is a particularly large size. In the course of further operational and investigative measures other participants in the criminal scheme were identified and detained - the so-called "cooks", courier of Internet resource, and organizer - owner of the Internet store for sale of drugs. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-v-almaty-presechena-deyatel-nost-podpol-noj-narkolaboratorii/>

27.05.2025 Foreigners were manufacturing synthetic substances in Astana. More than 100 kg of mephedrone were seized from the drug group. Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan reported that during a special operation in Astana officers of departments for combating drug crime neutralized activities of a transnational criminal group engaged in trafficking of synthetic drugs. Foreign citizens were detained as a result of operative actions and more than **100 kg** of synthetic substance "mephedrone" were seized. On the black market, such a shipment is worth about six million dollars, which is up to 300 000 single doses. <https://mail.kz/ru/news/kz-news/policiya-izyala-bolee-kg-mefedrona-u-inostrancev-v-astane>

28.05.2025 In the context of international operational and preventive measure "Channel" officers of drug crime prevention units detected illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. In the city of Shymkent a car was stopped, during inspection of which parcels with narcotic substance **a-PVP** were found and seized from the driver. The total weight of the seized substance amounted to **250 grams**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-iz-yali-narkotiki-u-vozditeleya-v-shymkente/>

29.05.2025 A large drug laboratory for production of synthetic drugs was dismantled in Akmola region. Police seized about **200 kg of precursors** intended for manufacture of illicit substances. Persons who organized the drug laboratory in Astana and its suburbs were also detained. The organizer of the criminal business was detained in the capital. At the same time, a special operation took place in Talapker village of Tselinograd district: with the support of special forces, police detained three more suspects. In the course of investigative measures in Talapker, a synthetic drug, presumably **mephedrone**, weighing about **200 g**, was seized. The exact composition and weight will be confirmed in the course of forensic chemical examination. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-nakryli-narkolaboratoriyu-iz-yato-200-kg-prekursorov-i-krupnaya-summa-nalichnyh/>

29.05.2025 Officers of the Organized Crime Department of the Turkestan Region Police Department stopped illegal possession of synthetic drugs as a result of operational and investigative measures. In one of the hotels of the city, police officers detained a man who came from a neighboring country. During a search they found more than 30 packets of narcotic substance in his possession. The total weight of the seized drug amounted to more than **90 g of mephedrone**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/pojmali-s-mefedronom-politsiya-zaderzhala-inostrantsa-za-hranenie-narkotikov-v-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

KYRGYZSTAN

21.05.2025 SBNON officers together with Customs and GKNB officers stopped activities of a transnational organized criminal drug group. It was found that a criminal group was operating in the south of the country, receiving narcotic substances from abroad, supplying them to Kyrgyzstan, distributing them in the country, as well as in Central Asia and CIS countries. During inspection of the cargo, which arrived by air from Los Angeles (USA), officers of the Manas customs post found a parcel disguised as kitchen utensils. Inside were four sealed vacuum bags with hybrid **marijuana** ("American cones") weighing more than **2 kg** in total. Two members of a drug group were detained in the city of Osh. Later, the alleged organizer and supervisor of the criminal scheme, a citizen of Uzbekistan, was detained. During a search at two addresses in the Osh region, two drug laboratories equipped with special equipment were identified and dismantled. According to expert conclusions, **2.86 kg of marijuana, 586.9 kg of mephedrone**, and more than **1.5 tons of precursors** were seized. <https://svodka.akipress.org/news:2272706/?from=kgnews&place=mainmainlist>

24.05.2025 Police in Kara-Suu district of Osh region detained suspects in illicit trafficking of potent drugs. MVD reports that in April 2025 an operative of the Kara-Suu district internal affairs department became aware that certain persons named D and B were storing and selling drugs and their analogs. As a result of operative-search measures, the suspects were identified, searches were conducted at their places of residence and **201 units (Lyrica) and 277 units (Tropicamide)** of two types of potent drugs were seized. At present, an expert examination has been ordered and investigative and operational activities are continuing to identify other persons involved. <https://svodka.akipress.org/news:2274045/?from=kgnews&place=maincats>

31.05.2025 Officers of the Counter Narcotics Service of MVD KR in Jalal-Abad region detained suspects in an attempt to sell precursors on a particularly large scale. Operational information about involvement of a foreign citizen in the storage, transportation and sale of precursors was received on 7 May 2025.

Special operation took place on 27 May. The suspect was detained while trying to sell almost 500 kg of sulfuric acid for 80 000 soms. According to conclusion of expert examination, the seized substance was **sulfuric acid** in the volume of **482 kg**. https://kaktus.media/doc/524822_v_djalal_abade_zaderjany_inostrancy_i_kyrgyzstancy_pri_popytke_sbyta_500_kg_sernoy_kisloty.html

RUSSIA

23.05.2025 While patrolling private sector, officers of the patrol service of the Department of Internal Affairs in Stavropol stopped two young men. In the presence of witnesses, police extracted 50 rolls wrapped in blue duct tape from a plastic bag. During questioning, the 18-year-old and 24-year-old citizens of Tajikistan admitted that they had purchased illegal substances via Internet. At the suspects' place of residence they found 39 more rolls with unknown contents, as well as a plastic container with a loose substance, scales, ziplock bags, magnets and packaging materials. In addition, in the cell phones of the suspects was found information about made dead drops, when checking which operatives found 11 more similar rolls. Examination showed that the seized substance was **heroin** with more than **132 grams**

of narcotics. <https://vechorka.ru/news/law/v-stavropole-policzejskie-izyali-narkotiki-u-dvuh-grazhdan-tadzhikistana>

23.05.2025 In Perm Krai FSB officers intercepted a large shipment of drugs: **100 kilograms of hashish and 30 kilograms of methamphetamine**. These substances were supposed to be sold in Perm Krai. According to FSB, drugs entered the region through an international channel. Now law enforcement authorities are identifying persons involved. <https://chitaitext.ru/novosti/sotrudniki-fsb-perekhvatili-v-permskom-krae-130-kilogrammov-narkotikov/>

23.05.2025 A Perm resident received a parcel from the Netherlands with white powder by post. The recipient was identified by Perm customs officers, and the suspicious cargo was seized and sent for analysis. As it was found, it was about **3 kg** of a potent substance - **1-testosterone** (included in the Lists of potent substances). Customs officers initiated criminal proceedings under the article "Smuggling of potent substances". The recipient of the parcel was searched at home and they found a pistol, two magazines, two silencers and ammunition. The found arsenal was sent for examination. <https://properm.ru/news/2025-05-23/permyaku-po-pochte-prislali-gollandskie-narkotiki-5396850>

26.05.2025 20 kilograms of drugs were seized by police in Nizhny Novgorod Region. A foreigner from a neighboring country was detained on suspicion of distributing prohibited substances. His car was stopped on one of the country roads. During examination of the interior under the rear passenger seat of the car officers found 25 polymer rolls with a substance of white color. Their total weight was about **20 kilograms**. According to results of examination of one of the packages it was found that the seized substance was **mephedrone** weighing over 1.5 kg. The rest of the substances were sent for examination. <https://radiomv.ru/news/29685/20-kilogrammov-narkotikov-izyali-politseyskie-v-nizhegorodskoy-oblasti>

26.05.2025 Petrozavodsk police officers solved a serious case of drug trafficking. A 42-year-old local resident was involved in working for an illegal online store that distributed illegal substances. In the course of operational activities, drug control officers documented an attempt to sell drugs, and during a search at the suspect's place of residence seized almost **290 grams of "synthetics"**. <https://karelinform.ru/news/2025-05-26/petrozavodchaninu-grozit-pozhiznennoe-zaklyuchenie-za-sbyt-narkotikov-5398838>

26.05.2025 Two 18-year-old students of a higher education institution of Ufa were detained in Iglinsky district in a case of drug sales, the MVD of the region reported. The two guys planned to take a large weight of illegal substances. Operatives found seven hiding places, from which they seized **15 grams of mephedrone**. Also seized more than **1 kg** of drugs, which the guys were planning to take when they were detained. In the apartment of the courier, where he lived with his parents, they found another **14 grams** of illicit substances. The guys were sent into detention. <https://www.proual.info/incidents/dvukh-18-letnikh-studentov-v-bashkirii-zaderzhali-za-sbyt-narkotikov/>

28.05.2025 At the station square of Neryungri-Passazhirskaya station, transport police operatives stopped a car driven by a 39-year-old resident of Primorsky Krai. In the trunk

police found and seized a bag with **3 kg** of synthetic drug **N-methylephedrone**.
<https://yakutia-daily.ru/v-yakutii-policzejskie-zaderzhali-narkokurera-s-tremya-kilogrammami-narkotikov/>

28.05.2025 On Wednesday, 28 May, it became known that a large shipment of drugs and ammunition was found in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region. After the police raid 11 people were taken to the departments. According to the regional Glavk, the searches took place in Gatchina, Tosno, Vsevolozhsk districts of the 47th region, as well as in the Pushkin district of the city. In the village of Lipsari in a car service station they found bags with traces of prohibited substances, packaging material, 74 cartridges of 5.6 millimeter caliber and a signal pistol. In Pskov, police detained a 36-year-old local resident, whose activities led law enforcers of the Northern Capital to a warehouse in the Leningrad region. After that, almost **0.5 kg of cocaine, more than 800 grams of ecstasy, 4 kg of hashish and 200 grams of marijuana** were found in a rented parking lot on Sofya Kovalevskaya Street. A 41-year-old resident of a neighboring house was also detained there; he had previously been convicted of drug trafficking on several occasions. <https://forpost-sz.ru/a/2025-05-28/v-peterburge-i-lenoblasti-nashli-krupnyu-partiyu-narkotikov-i-oruzhiya>

28.05.2025 Officers of UFSB of Russia in the Udmurt Republic detained a resident of Sarapul suspected of organizing a drug laboratory and attempting to sell drugs on a particularly large scale. The detainee's laboratory was found in a private house where synthetic drug **"mephedrone"** was manufactured. **789 grams** of the illegal substance were seized, along with equipment, precursors and chemical reagents. <https://susanin.news/udmurtia/other/20250528-327216/>

29.05.2025 As part of investigation into a criminal case involving supply of synthetic drugs to the Far East, operatives of drug control department of UT MVD of Russia for the DFO found that drugs seized from automobile engines were intended to be distributed in Khabarovsk Krai by dead drop method. In the course of operational measures, police detained a 23-year-old resident of Khabarovsk Krai. During a search in her apartment, transport police found items with which the drugs were packed, and 17 rolls with single doses of the drug MDMA. During interrogation the girl said that earlier she had extracted about **2 kg** of synthetic drug **PVP** from a cache and packed it into eight thousand single doses, and then set up dead drops in the city of Khabarovsk. Drugs did not reach consumers, as they were seized by transport police officers. <https://amurmedia.ru/news/2097189/>

29.05.2025 Over half a kilogram of drugs was seized from a resident of Chelyabinsk. Officers of the police patrol service regiment of the city's UMVD showed excellence. While patrolling the territory in the Kalininsky district, they detained a man who had shortly before laid out five "master dead drops" in a forest area. During examination of the car on which the criminal was traveling, they seized four more "master dead drops" containing 150 drug parcels. The total mass of the seized drugs amounted to more than **500 grams of PVP** and more than **50 grams of mephedrone**. <https://www.dvnovosti.ru/incidents/2025/05/29/181361/>

29.05.2025 In the Iglinsky district, police officers stopped activities of drug couriers, who were two 18-year-old students of a local university. The young men were caught red-handed in a forest belt near the M5 "Ural" highway when they were trying to get more than 1 kg of

illegal substances from a stash. During searches law enforcers found and seized **15 grams** of drugs in seven caches, more than **1 kilogram of synthetic drugs** during the arrest and a shipment of illegal substances in the apartment of one of the suspects. <https://news102.ru/ufa/studenty-iz-bashkirii-popalis-na-popytke-sbyta-krupnoy-partii-narkotikov/>

29.05.2025 More than **1 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized from a couple in Surgut. According to law enforcers, a 31-year-old man from Surgut and his 25-year-old cohabitant were detained the night before near a house. During inspection they found and seized several packages with drugs. Police officers searched the couple's place of residence. Drugs were also found in the apartment of the Surgutians. Part of the illegal substance had already been packaged in five rolls for placing dead drops. They also found packaging material and electronic scales in the apartment. <https://sitv.ru/arhiv/news/u-pary-v-surgute-izyali-bolee-kilogramma-narkotikov/>

29.05.2025 Drug Control Department officers in Vologda carried out operational-search activities, during which they detained a suspect in drug trafficking at his place of residence. During a search in the apartment on Yaroslavskaya street law enforcement officers found a **synthetic substance** with a total mass of **237 grams**. Seized packages were sent for examination. <https://35media.ru/news/news--vologda/v-vologde-zaderzhan-podozrevaemy-v-sbyte-narkotikov/>

30.05.2025 Officers of the Lesosibirsk drug trafficking control department detained a previously convicted local resident born in 1997. During a search they found and confiscated a small bag, a package and a metal box with powdery substance. When examining place of residence of the man, law enforcers found another small package with narcotic substance. The total mass of the seized synthetic drug **PVP** amounted to more than **1 kilogram**. <https://krasrab.ru/news/incidents/46699>

30.05.2025 In Bryansk region officers of the Drug Control Department together with a traffic police crew stopped a Skoda car. Inside were two 22-year-old citizens of neighboring countries. The men had external signs of drug intoxication. In the car in the covers of the front seats law enforcers found two packs of cigarettes, inside which there were 105 rolls with an unknown substance. Examination showed that the seized substance was a synthetic drug **methadone** weighing more than **100 grams**. <https://go32.ru/incidents/bryanskije-policejskie-izyali-svyshe-100-grammov-narkotikov-u-dvux-inostrancev.html>

UZBEKISTAN

21.05.2025 SGB operatives, together with OVD officers, conducted an event at the border customs post "Navoi" in Tashkent region. In particular, they subjected to additional inspection two residents of Kurghantepinsk district of Andijan region, born in 1983 and 1988, who were crossing the border towards Uzbekistan from Kazakhstan. It is reported that they were carrying a set of medical equipment intended for dentistry. During inspection of this equipment, they found **4.2 kg of mephedrone** and **3.97 kg** of synthetic drug "**alpha-PVP**" inside, with a total value of 1 million US dollars. <https://upl.uz/incidents/52067-news.html>

22.05.2025 Internal affairs officers carried out a special operation in Uzbekistan district. During the event, the house of a resident of the Dustlik mahalla, born in 1965, who was suspected of involvement in illicit trafficking in narcotic substances, was inspected. The inspection found that the man was growing **26 opium poppy** bushes in his garden. In addition, **635 dried heads of opium poppy** were identified and seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/52090-news.html>

27.05.2025 Officers of the Yunusabad District Department under the General Prosecutor's Office, together with SGB and OVD officers, conducted an operational activity. Two dealers of psychotropic drugs were detained during the event. They were arrested while selling **228 units** of psychotropic drugs for 16.6 million soums. On the basis of their testimonies it was also possible to capture their suppliers. They managed to seize **653 units** of psychotropic preparations **Regapen** from three criminals. <https://upl.uz/incidents/52262-news.html>

29.05.2025 As part of the systematic efforts to combat illicit trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances, officers of GUV D of Tashkent region in Bekabad detained a local resident red-handed in the mahalla "Navruz" while trying to take from a cache about **1 kg of hashish** smuggled from a neighboring country. The investigative check established that the drug had been smuggled by a drug courier from Tajikistan. <https://kun.uz/ru/news/2025/05/29/v-tashkenskoy-oblasti-presechen-nezakonnyy-oborot-krupnoy-partii-narkotikov>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BARBADOS

29.05.2025 Royal Saint Lucia Police Force said operatives intercepted nearly **196.2 kilograms of cocaine** in a major operation on Wednesday, underscoring intensified efforts to combat drug trafficking through both official and unofficial ports of entry. https://stluciatimes.com/171035/2025/05/196kg-cocaine-haul-road-deaths-slashed-as-police-tout-security-gains/#google_vignette

UNITED KINGDOM

21.05.2025 A Bulgarian truck driver has been charged with drug offenses after the largest shipment of class A drugs in Northern Ireland's recent history. Georgi Markov Panchuko, 50, was arrested after **185 kilograms of cocaine** hidden in the trailer of the truck was discovered in the port of Belfast on Monday. The truck was stopped before it could board a ferry bound for Cairnryan in Scotland. Four "sophisticated" concealments were discovered along the length of the trailer. Authorities removed the floor and discovered drugs worth £18.5 million (€21.9 million). <https://www.sundayworld.com/crime/irish-crime/bulgarian-truck-driver-charged-following-norths-biggest-ever-cocaine-seizure/a2053738732.html>

31.05.2025 A British Royal Navy frigate has seized 30 million pounds (\$40.3 million) worth of drugs after a more than 24-hour pursuit of a drug trafficking vessel in the Arabian Sea when the warship's drones detected illegal activity. HMS Lancaster deployed a Wildcat helicopter and landing party to seize 80 boxes of drugs. A Royal Navy spokesman said the seized shipment contained **1000 kg of heroin, 660 kg of hashish and 6 kg of**

amphetamine, with an estimated street value of £30 million in the UK. <https://www.epochtimes.com.ua/ru/poslednie-novosti-mira/voennyi-korabl-britanskogo-korolevskogo-flota-konfiskoval-narkotiki-na-summu-30-millionov-funtov-169732>

EGYPT

30.05.2025 Border guards seized a \$24 million **drug** shipment in Egypt. The drugs were concealed in a truck loaded with vegetables. The shipment, which weighed more than **12 tons**, was seized near the Ahmed Hamdi tunnel under the Suez Canal. Seized goods were handed over to competent authorities for legal action. <https://report.az/ru/drugie-strany/egipetskie-pogranichniki-konfiskovali-partiyu-narkotikov-na-24-mln/>

INDONESIA

27.05.2025 Indonesia has seen the largest drug seizure in its history as authorities intercepted 2 tons of methamphetamine coming from the Golden Triangle, the world's most notorious drug-producing region.

The drug seizure operation, conducted by a joint task force of the National Anti-Narcotics Agency, the Indonesian military, customs and the national police, was a five-month intelligence-driven operation. When the Sea Dragon Terawa, a vessel carrying drugs, entered Indonesian waters last week, it was escorted to Tanjung Uncang port in Batam for customs and crew inspection. During the search, authorities found cardboard boxes wrapped in clear plastic, each containing multiple packages of green tea with 2000 packages of **methamphetamine** weighing **2115 kg**, the drug control agency said at a press conference on Monday. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2602332/amp>

ITALY

30.05.2025 National Police and the Customs Office of Genoa carried out a brilliant operation that resulted in the seizure of about **140 kilograms** of high purity **heroin** concealed in ten containers arriving by sea from the Middle East and destined, after disembarking at the port of Genoa, to be transported to Northern Europe. The investigation, developed with analytical rigor and advanced methodologies, began with reconnaissance activities in which the Customs Fraud Unit and agents from the Investigation Sector of the Border Police detected a suspicious shipment of ten containers filled with concrete bricks that had arrived by ship from Iran and were destined for transportation to Warsaw. The drugs were hidden inside plastic-coated containers that had been specially immersed in the cement mixture during the production stages. In total, more than 500 bags of heroin were recovered, each weighing about 275 grams, packaged and concealed with ingenious meticulousness. <https://lamilano.it/en/genova/Genoa-maxi-seizure-of-heroin-in-the-port-140-kg-hidden-in-60-000-concrete-bricks/>

COLOMBIA

28.05.2025 The Colombian Navy seized more than **6 tons of cocaine** from a so-called "narco-sub" in Nariño, a department known as one of the country's main coca-growing hotspots. Colombian Navy personnel intercepted half of the seizures in a semi-submersible vessel off Colombia's Pacific coast. Law enforcers also discovered two underground caches

where the criminal cell had concealed about 2700 kilograms of cocaine. Officials said the semi-submersible was carrying more than 3 tons of cocaine, and the total estimated value of all the seizures is nearly \$300 million. Authorities did not say how many people were arrested or where drugs were headed. <https://www.latintimes.com/more-6-tons-cocaine-seized-colombian-navy-narco-subs-drug-stashes-583929>

MEXICO

23.05.2025 The Mexican government seized 1.28 tons of cocaine off the country's west coast in the state of Michoacán on Friday. Mexico's security ministry said authorities seized 1292 briquettes of **cocaine** weighing a total of **1285 kilograms** in a joint army and navy operation. The seized product amounts to about 2.5 million doses of cocaine and the economic loss to the drug cartels is estimated at 16.45 million dollars. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/americas/mexico-seizes-major-cocaine-shipment-amid-ongoing-efforts-to-curb-drug-flow-to-us/3577947>

MOLDOVA

27.05.2025 For a month officers of the Anti-Drug Department documented criminal activity of a 38-year-old citizen of Ukraine, who acted in the interests of a criminal organization specializing in production, transportation and sale of particularly dangerous synthetic drugs from Ukraine to Moldova. On 24 May, when entering the Republic of Moldova through the border crossing Briceni-Roshoshoshany, the man was detained. During a search in the glove compartment of the car were found and seized 10 bags of 500 grams of PVP type narcotic substance ("salt"). Subsequent examination of cell phones discovered 7 caches, from where several more kilograms of PVP were seized, which the man had previously smuggled from Ukraine to Moldova. In total, **12 kg** of synthetic drugs of **PVP** type were seized, with a market value of over 6 million lei. <https://ziuadeazi.md/ru/novosti/12-kg-sinteticeskih-narkotikov-tipa-pvp-stoimostu-bolee-6-millionov-leev-iz-ato-sotrudnikami-ini/>

NEW ZEALAND

23.05.2025 New Zealand police cracked down on drug trafficking activity in Kumeu, Auckland. Police officers seized almost **400 kilograms of cannabis**. Three people were arrested. Police were pursuing Vietnamese gangs involved in cannabis cultivation. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/new-zealand/major-drug-bust-in-auckland-police-dismantle-major-drug-operations-in-kumeu-region/articleshow/121350725.cms?from=mdr>

SAUDI ARABIA

26.05.2025 Saudi Arabia on Thursday announced interception of **1520000 Captagon tablets** in Riyadh concealed in a batch of tables. The Interior Ministry said the operation resulted in the arrest of three Syrians and one Saudi national. The country of origin of the shipment was not disclosed. <https://www.msn.com/en-ae/news/middleeast/saudi-arabia-seizes-1-5-million-captagon-pills-hidden-in-tables/ar-AA1FgSIE>

USA

21.05.2025 Last Friday, federal authorities intercepted nearly \$1.9 million worth of cocaine in two major drug seizure operations at the ports of entry in Donna and Rio Grande Valley, Texas. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in coordination with the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force, arrested both drivers involved in the smuggling attempts. The two arrests, which occurred just hours apart, found a total of **42 kg of cocaine**, underscoring the ongoing challenges federal agencies face in securing the border. <https://foxrgv.tv/cocaine-seizure-1-9m-in-drugs-intercepted-at-south-texas-ports-of-entry/>

22.05.2025 A United Airlines passenger was accused of trying to carry **68.5 kg of cannabis** onto the plane. It is reported that 34-year-old California resident Diane Bahlawan was arrested on 6 May at San Francisco International Airport, USA. She tried to get on a flight to Frankfurt, Germany, with four bags full of drugs. Air harbor security officers thought the carry-on luggage was too heavy, and they set up a screening. Inside the bags law enforcement officers found 131 vacuum-sealed bags of cannabis. The illegal substances were seized, along with the passenger's cell phone, her boarding pass and \$960 in cash. <https://oxu.az/ru/v-mire/passazhirka-popytalas-popast-v-samolet-s-polnymi-narkotikov-sumkami>

29.05.2025 An Estacada man has been indicted on charges of transporting 270 pounds of methamphetamine from Southern California to Oregon. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office says it was the largest drug seizure in the department's history. Court documents say Berrera rented a car and drove to California to pick up the drugs and then sell them in Oregon. On 24 May, officers spotted Barrera driving the rental car north on Interstate 5 to Cottage Grove and then followed him. Barerra was arrested, and during a search, FBI agents seized **126 kg of methamphetamine and 1 kg of cocaine**, which were concealed in the back seat and cargo area of the vehicle. <https://www.kgw.com/article/news/crime/oregon-man-arrested-federal-charges-transporting-270-pounds-meth-southern-california/283-efc4ec5b-0ae2-47c8-9b3e-73808505a8f4>

SRI LANKA

30.05.2025 Customs officials in Sri Lanka made a major arrest at Bandaranaike International Airport. They caught a Thai woman with almost **10 kilograms of cocaine**. The drugs were concealed inside soft toys. Estimated street value of the seized cocaine is \$1.72 million. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/sri-lanka-customs-make-record-cocaine-bust-at-main-airport/articleshow/121516777.cms>